

DID SOMEBODY SAY...

SUPER COOKIE?!

drupal.org/project/supercookie

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Super-evil...and super-useful:

- Sets a persistent, unique cookie and corresponding database session record within the specified expiration interval for every site visitor.
- Works regardless of user agent settings (e.g. cookies disabled, private browsing window).
- Created specifically to address the problem of tracking many anonymous users visiting a site from a single IP address (e.g. a school, corporate office).

Freedom isn't free...it costs \$1.05:

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Recently, online properties like Hulu, MSN and Flixster have been caught using a tougher version of the common cookie. These “supercookies” (aka “Flash cookies” and “zombie cookies”) serve the same purpose as regular cookies by tracking user preferences and browsing histories. Unlike their popular cousins, however, this breed is difficult to detect and subsequently remove. These cookies secretly collect user data beyond the limitations of common industry practice, and thus raise serious privacy concerns.

Less evil than it could be:

- Module only stores a hash of client and server-side variables.
- The standard Drupal pattern of using core's `ip_address()` function to determine visitor uniqueness is weak. Remedy: fingerprinting

- Client-side variables:

Navigator Object: The navigator object contains information about the browser. Note: There is no public standard that applies to the navigator object, but all major browsers support it.

Properties: `appCodeName`, `appName`, `appVersion`, `cookieEnabled`, `language`, `onLine`, `platform`, `product`, `userAgent`

- Server-side variables:

`REMOTE_ADDR`, `REMOTE_HOST`, `HTTP_USER_AGENT`, `HTTP_ACCEPT`

Mod settings:



You may use the global `$_supercookie` object in code like this:

```
global $_supercookie;  
$scid = $_supercookie->scid;
```

The scid value will be unique across all site visitors within the specified expiration interval. Your current `$_supercookie->scid` is 54.

INTERVALS

Cookie expiration

Calendar day ▾

All site visitors will have a unique supercookie within this interval.

Page view average

15 min ▾

This interval represents the average page view time for users on your site's metrics service provider, or make a reasonable guess.

OBFUSCATION

Supercookies have been criticized as a means of silently gathering a hash of the user agent and server-side variables collected from the default machine names and [alias the "supercookie" path](#).

Cookie name - Client *

supercookie-client

Cookie name - Server *

supercookie-server

HTTP header *

X-Drupal-Supercookie

Use external Javascript libraries (not recommended for production sites).

If left unchecked, you will need to download the [CryptoJS.MD5](#) and [JSON.prune](#) scripts and save them to the `sites/all/libraries` directory.

Save configuration

PHP	5.5.9 (more information)
PHP extensions	Enabled
PHP memory limit	128M
PHP register globals	Disabled
Supercookie	47 users are currently connected to [REDACTED] per the calendar day cookie expiration interval to within a 15 min page view average.

Client-side code:

```
13     },
14     writeCookie : function(context, settings) {
15
16         if ($.isEmptyObject(navigator)) {
17             return false;
18         }
19
20         // Loop navigator object and copy key/val pairs to $data.
21         var $data = {};
22         for (var $member in navigator) {
23             switch (typeof navigator[$member]) {
24                 case 'object':
25                 case 'string':
26                 case 'boolean':
27                     $data[$member] = navigator[$member];
28                     break;
29
30                 case 'function':
31                     //navigator[$member]();
32                     break;
33             }
34         }
35
36         // Do deep recursion on data collected.
37         // @see https://github.com/Canop/JSON.prune
38         $data = JSON.prune($data);
39         // Set hash of data string.
40         // @see https://code.google.com/p/crypto-js/#MD5
41         $hash = CryptoJS.MD5($data);
42         // Get local date/time.
43         // TODO: NOTE SAFARI AND IE'S MISHANDLING OF ECMA DATE OBJECT FORMAT!!!!
44         $date = new Date($.now());
45         $date = $date.toLocaleString();
46         $date = encodeURIComponent($date);
47
48         // Get server response.
49         $.ajax({
50             type : 'GET',
51             url : settings.supercookie.json_path + '?client=' + $hash + '&date=' + $date,
52             beforeSend : function(xhr) {
53                 xhr.setRequestHeader(settings.supercookie.name_header, settings.supercookie.scid);
54             },
55             complete : function(xhr) {
56                 if (xhr.status === 200) {
57                     // Set client-side cookie.
58                     var response = JSON.parse(xhr.responseText);
59                     var expires = new Date(response.expires * 1000);
60                     document.cookie = settings.supercookie.name_client + '=' + response.scid + '; expires=' + expires.toGMTString() + '; path='/;
61                     document.cookie = settings.supercookie.name_client + '=' + response.scid + '; expires=' + expires.toGMTString() + '; path='/;
62                 }
63             }
64         });
65
66         return false;
67     }
68 };
69
70 })(jQuery);
```

Server-side code:

```
511 */
512  *  Menu callback for getting data gathered on client + server side.
513  */
514 function supercookie_json() {
515
516     global $_supercookie;
517
518     $args = drupal_get_query_parameters();
519
520     // Set client + server data.
521     $data = array(
522         'server' => array(
523             'REMOTE_ADDR' => ip_address(),
524             'REMOTE_HOST' => gethostbyaddr(ip_address()),
525             'HTTP_USER_AGENT' => $SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'],
526             'HTTP_ACCEPT' => $SERVER['HTTP_ACCEPT'],
527         ),
528         'client' => $args['client'],
529     );
530
531     $hash = md5(serialize($data));
532
533     // Insert or update supercookie instance.
534     $_supercookie
535         ->match($hash)
536         ->save($args['date']);
537
538     // Flush data to client.
539     setcookie(variable_get('supercookie_name_server', 'supercookie-server'), $_supercookie->scId, $_supercookie->expires)
540     setcookie(variable_get('supercookie_name_client', 'supercookie-client'), $_supercookie->scId, $_supercookie->expires)
541     drupal_add_http_header(variable_get('supercookie_name_header', 'X-Drupal-Supercookie'), $_supercookie->scId);
542     drupal_json_output(array(
543         'scid' => $_supercookie->scId,
544         'expires' => $_supercookie->expires,
545     ));
546
547 }
548
```

Pending features:

- `hook_supercookie_append()` to allow dependent mods to add their own persistent values. Right now only `$_supercookie->scid` is stored...great for a FK value, but you've got your own great stuff to persist too.
- Setting to store full blob of collected user data to an archive table.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY; ALWAYS USE YOUR POWERS FOR GOOD.
THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT IS NOT GOOD. UNLESS THEY HAVE LONG
DARK HAIR AND TALK SWEETLY TO YOU.

- Collect other data that Electronic Frontier Foundation has identified: <http://panopticklick.eff.org> (fonts, more geo stuff, etc.)
- Your ideas?? Queue them up!

Obligatory captive audience slide:

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